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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURNS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced today for failing to file income tax returns.

James V. Scola, 36, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr. this morning to one year in prison without parole. The court also ordered **Scola** to pay a \$2,000 fine. Following imprisonment, **Scola** will serve one year of supervised release that includes six months of home detention.

On July 8, 2002, **Scola** pleaded guilty to failing to file an income tax return by April 15, 1997 on gross income of approximately \$56,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation.

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